

Endorsed "Passed by yeas and nays."

Also, delivered

The House resolution directing the Comptroller to suspend proceedings against Charles Frazer, of Dorchester county.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

Also, returned

The Senate bill entitled an Act for the protection of sheep,

Endorsed, "Reported unfavorably from the Committee on Agriculture, and the report adopted."

Also, delivered

The House Joint Resolutions requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to use their efforts to procure the passage of a law authorizing the employment of an engineer to ascertain the practicability of cutting a channel from the Atlantic ocean to the Synapuxent bay.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

Mr. Fields called up the order of the day, being

The report of the Joint Committee appointed by both Houses of the General Assembly, to take into consideration the matters pending between the State of Maryland and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company,

When Mr. Denson submitted the following statement from said Company :

#### STATEMENT.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company declared its willingness to adjust the whole controversy between the State and itself, upon the following basis :

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company asked the State of Maryland to release it from the payment into the State Treasury of the charge imposed upon sums received from passengers transported over the Washington Branch Road since the tenth day of December, 1870, the period at which it reduced its fare between Baltimore and Washington, and on all fares on the Washington Branch Road, in consequence of the judgment of the Superior Court of Baltimore City, rendered upon that day.

As a consideration for this release, the Company agree to reduce its maximum rate of fare under its charter, between Baltimore and Washington, from the sum of \$2.50, fixed by the Act of 1832, (chapter CLXXV.) to \$1.50.